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I. Organizational and other matters

A. States parties to the Convention

1. On 13 April 2017, the closing date of the twenty-sixth session of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families, there were 51 States parties to the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families. During the period covered by the present report, there were three additional ratifications to the Convention, by the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela on 25 October 2016, by Sao Tome and Principe on 10 January 2017 and by the Congo on 31 March 2017. The Convention was adopted by the General Assembly in resolution 45/158 on 18 December 1990 and entered into force on 1 July 2003, in accordance with the provisions of its article 87 (1).

2. A list of States that have signed, ratified or acceded to the Convention is contained in annex I. The updated status of the Convention, together with the texts of declarations and reservations and other relevant information, can be found in the United Nations Treaty Collection online at http://treaties.un.org, which is maintained by the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs, which discharges the depositary functions of the Secretary-General.

B. Meetings and sessions

3. The Committee held its twenty-fifth session at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 29 August to 7 September 2016. The session consisted of 16 plenary meetings (see CMW/C/SR.326ff-341). The provisional agenda (CMW/C/25/1) was adopted by the Committee at its 326th meeting, on 29 August 2016.

4. The Committee held its twenty-sixth session at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 3 to 13 April 2017. The session consisted of 18 plenary meetings (see CMW/C/SR.342-359). The provisional agenda (CMW/C/26/1) was adopted by the Committee at its 342nd meeting, on 3 April 2017.

C. Membership and attendance

5. All the members of the Committee attended its twenty-fifth session, except for Md. Shahidul Haque. Jasminka Dzumhur was absent on 29 August 2016.

6. All the members of the Committee attended its twenty-sixth session, except for Md. Shahidul Haque and Marco Núñez-Melgar Maguiña. Abdelhamid El Jamri was absent from 3 to 6 April 2017. Pablo Ceriani Cernadas and María Landazuri de Mora were absent on 3 April 2017.

7. The list of the members of the Committee as at 13 April 2017, together with the duration of their terms of office, is provided in annex II to the present report.

D. Future meetings of the Committee

8. The twenty-seventh session of the Committee will be held from 4 to 13 September 2017 at the United Nations Office at Geneva.

9. The twenty-eighth session of the Committee will be held for a two-week period in April 2018 at the United Nations Office at Geneva. The dates have not yet been confirmed.

E. Participation in the twenty-eighth meeting of the Chairs of the human rights treaty bodies

10. The Chair of the Committee participated in the twenty-eighth meeting of the Chairs of the human rights treaty bodies, held in New York from 30 May to 3 June 2016. During

the meeting, the Chairs reiterated their support of General Assembly resolution 68/268 on strengthening and enhancing the effective functioning of the human rights treaty body system. The Chairs recommended that all treaty bodies promote the simplified reporting procedure, and that treaty bodies recommend to States to establish national mechanisms for reporting and follow-up. The Chairs also suggested that treaty bodies consider reviewing States parties whose reports are very long overdue, in the absence of a report — a practice that has already been implemented by the Committee. The Chairs discussed the importance of considering a common treaty body approach for engagement with national human rights institutions, and recalled the importance of an enhanced role for treaty body Chairs in relation to procedural matters to foster coherence across the treaty bodies and the standardization of working methods. The Chairs additionally recommended that all treaty bodies use the guidelines on the independence and impartiality of members of the human rights treaty bodies (the Addis Ababa guidelines) (see A/67/222, annex I) and the Guidelines against Intimidation or Reprisals (the San José Guidelines) (HRI/MC/2015/6). In this regard, the Committee has adopted both the Addis Ababa and San José guidelines. In addition, the Chairs adopted a statement on the anniversaries of human rights treaties in 2016, and a joint statement with the Coordination Committee of Special Procedures on the financial crisis facing the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights. The reports and information on the annual meetings of the Chairs of the human rights treaty bodies, as well as the above-referenced statements, may be found online.[1]

F. General comments and general discussion days

11. The Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families and the Committee on the Rights of the Child are in the process of drafting a joint general comment on the human rights of children in the context of international migration. Pablo Ceriani Cernadas, a Vice-Chair of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families and Co-Chair of the working group on the joint general comment, at the invitation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Paraguay and the International Organization for Migration (IOM), provided an overview of the joint general comment at the sixteenth South American Conference on Migration, held in Paraguay, in order to receive preliminary comments from Member States of the South American Conference on Migration. Consultations on the zero draft are being planned with stakeholders to ensure that the regional perspectives are reflected in the joint general comment. Information on the joint general comment may be found on the web page of the Committee.[2]

G. Promotion of the Convention

12. Relevant United Nations agencies and offices, including the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), numerous civil society organizations, and Mr. Ceriani Cernadas, Vice-Chair of the Committee,[3] participated in an expert meeting on children in the context of migration in Geneva on 12 May 2016. The participants established recommended principles to guide actions concerning children on the move and other children affected by migration,[4] to use as an advocacy tool to promote the human rights of children in situations of migration, particularly in the lead-up to the high-level plenary meeting on addressing large movements of refugees and migrants on 19 September 2016.

13. OHCHR organized a Global Forum on Migration and Development and Global Migration Group side event on migrants, in conjunction with the Permanent Mission of Bangladesh, at the Friends of the Forum meeting held at the International Labour

[1] See www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/AnnualMeeting/Pages/MeetingChairpersons.aspx.
[2] See www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CMW/Pages/JointGeneralCommentonChildren.aspx.
[3] Mr. Ceriani Cernadas participated by videoconference.
[4] See www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CMW/Pages/CMWIndex.aspx.

Organization, on 19 May 2016. Over 75 participants from States and civil society attended. The Chair made the opening address. Several civil society partners also took part, including the Global Detention Project, Global Migration Policy Associates, Terre des Hommes, the International Social Service, and the Migration and Development Civil Society Network which is coordinated by the International Catholic Migration Commission. The discussion focused on the impact of the existing international normative framework, including the Convention, on promotion and protection of the human rights of migrants, including women and children, and on challenges and best practices in the context of international migration. More information on the event, including statements, are posted on the web page of the Committee.[5]

14. OHCHR, in conjunction with the Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants, organized a multi-stakeholder meeting on the protection of the human rights of migrants in large movements on 1 June 2016 in Geneva, and Mr. Ceriani Cernadas, Vice-Chair of the Committee, took part in the meeting. The objective of the meeting was to raise the profile of migrants' human rights ahead of the high-level plenary meeting on addressing large movements of refugees and migrants on 19 September 2016 and included consideration of a set of principles and practical guidance on the human rights protection of migrants in vulnerable situations and within large movements. More information on the Geneva meeting, including statements, can be found online.[6]

15. OHCHR, together with the Carter Center, held a workshop for treaty body committee members and the international elections community on 16 and 17 June 2016 in Geneva on a human rights-based approach to elections. Ms. Dzumhur, a Vice-Chair of the Committee, delivered a presentation on the political rights of migrants. Mr. Ceriani Cernadas, also a Vice-Chair of the Committee, took part in a side event to the meeting of States parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, held in New York in June 2016, on the intersectionality between the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families.

16. OHCHR and the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) held a side event on promoting and protecting women migrant workers' labour and human rights through the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families, on 21 July 2016 in Geneva, with over 125 people in attendance. Ms. Dzumhur, Vice-Chair, represented the Committee on Migrant Workers on the panel, and was joined by Pramila Patten of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, as well as representatives of the International Labour Organization (ILO), the Center for Reproductive Rights and Global Migration Policy Associates. More information on the event, including statements, can be found on the web page of the Committee.[7]

17. At its twenty-fifth session, the Committee issued a statement endorsing the recommended principles to guide actions concerning children on the move and other children affected by migration (see para. 12 above), noting that the principles were a vital tool to help uphold international human rights norms and standards regarding children affected by migration — in particular the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families and the Convention on the Rights of the Child — with a view to informing the negotiations at the high-level plenary meeting on addressing large movements of refugees and migrants.[8] It also adopted a joint statement with the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, OHCHR and UN-Women on women in the context of international migration.[9]

[5] See www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CMW/Pages/GFMD.aspx.
[6] See www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Migration/Pages/MigrantsinLargeMovements.aspx.
[7] See www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CMW/Pages/PromotingProtectingWomenMigrantWorkersLabour.aspx.
[8] See www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=20516&LangID=E.
[9] See www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=20521&LangID=E.

18. The Chair of the Committee, together with a number of special procedure mandate holders and the Chairs of other treaty bodies, issued a public statement on 16 September 2016 prior to the high-level plenary meeting on addressing large movements of refugees and migrants held in New York on 19 September 2016, reminding States that obligations under international human rights law and international humanitarian law must underpin the global compacts on refugees and migrants.[10] Prior to and during the meeting, the members of the Committee advocated for the universal application of human rights norms in the context of migration, including through participation in the thematic round tables, bilaterals and side events. Committee member María Landazuri de Mora took part in a side event on protecting the labour and human rights of women migrant workers in the context of addressing large movements of migrants. The side event was sponsored by UN-Women and took place on 16 September 2016. On 20 September 2016, Mr. Ceriani Cernadas participated in the round table on working together to end child immigration detention and also in a side event organized by OHCHR on protecting human rights in the context of large movements of migrants and refugees. He was also invited to be a member of the advisory board for the Global Study on Children Deprived of Liberty.

19. On 24 October 2016, the Chair of the Committee presented the annual report on its twenty-third and twenty-fourth sessions (A/71/48) to the Third Committee of the General Assembly. The Chair, together with the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants, issued a statement on 24 October 2016 calling for vision and leadership by the international community in addressing migration, by developing long-term and rights-based strategies and policies that facilitated migration.[11] The Chair held bilateral meetings with representatives of the Permanent Mission of Brazil and the Permanent Mission of Liberia on promoting ratification of the Convention. He also met with representatives of the Permanent Mission of Mexico and the Office of the President of the General Assembly regarding substantive input into the global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration.

20. On 14 November 2016, the Vice-Chair, Mr. Ceriani Cernadas,[12] participated in a Global Forum on Migration and Development-related event in New York, sponsored by the Permanent Mission of Bangladesh and the Global Forum, on the global compact on migration, addressing the compact's legal aspects. The event provided an opportunity to enter into dialogue with States of destination that have not yet ratified the Convention, and also strengthened the Committee's collaboration with the Global Forum. More information on the New York dialogue on the global compact on migration, including statements, can be found online.[13]

21. UN-Women held an expert meeting on 21 and 22 November in Geneva, with the support of OHCHR, on promoting and protecting women migrant workers' labour and human rights. Several members of the Committee, namely Ms. Dzumhur, Prasad Kariyawasam, Ms. Landazuri de Mora and Can Ünver, participated in the meeting, along with members of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, representatives of OHCHR and of United Nations agencies, and civil society actors, with a view to developing recommendations for addressing gender perspectives in the development of the global framework to respond to migration and for the subsequent implementation of the framework (see General Assembly resolution 71/1, annex II). Further information on the meeting can be found on the web page of the Committee.[14]

22. Committee member Ahmadou Tall participated in an event organized by the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants and sponsored by the International Organization of la Francophonie and the Senegalese Committee on Human Rights, held in Dakar on 5 and 6 December 2016, on the topic of migrants and access to justice.

23. The Chair of the Committee attended the Global Forum on Migration and Development held in Dhaka from 8 to 12 December 2016. During the plenary, the Chair

[10] See www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=20518&LangID=E.
[11] See www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=20744&LangID=E.
[12] Mr. Ceriani Cernadas participated by videoconference.
[13] See www.gfmd.org/docs/bangladesh-2016.
[14] See www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CMW/Pages/PromotingandProtectingWomenMigrantWorkers.aspx.

participated as a panellist in a round table on protection of migrants in all situations, and in a side event on integrating a gender perspective into the global compact on migration, co-organized by UN-Women and the Government of Bangladesh. During the civil society days, the Chair took part in two round tables, on working to end child immigration detention and on global reform of migrant labour recruitment. OHCHR and members of the Steering Committee of the Global Campaign for Ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Migrants also attended and participated as panellists in various sessions. Further information on the Global Forum on Migration and Development, including statements, can be found online.[15]

24. On 9 December 2016, the Vice-Chair, Ms. Dzumhur, spoke at a panel discussion on political participation in times of mass migration and refugee crisis, focusing on the political rights of migrant workers. The event, which was organized by the United Nations Development Programme, the Permanent Mission of Ireland, the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance, and the Global Project for Electoral Cycle Support in New York, provided another opportunity to influence the debates leading towards the development of the global compact on migration by underscoring the international human rights norms relating to migrant workers.

25. To mark International Migrants Day, on 18 December 2016, a joint statement was issued by the Chair of the Committee on Migrant Workers, the Chair of the Committee on the Rights of the Child, the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants and the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, highlighting the plight of children placed in immigration detention, stating that detaining migrant children is never in their best interest and emphasizing the need for effective rights-based alternatives to detention.[16] Mr. Ceriani Cernadas participated in a webinar on ending the immigration detention of children and families as part of the 18 December International Migrants Day social media campaign organized by the International Detention Coalition.

26. Mr. Kariyawasam, Ms. Landazuri de Mora and Mr. Ünver, of the Committee, along with members of the Working Group on the issue of discrimination against women in law and practice, participated in an expert meeting on 25 January 2017 in New York, organized by UN-Women, on promoting women migrant workers' rights and protecting against exclusion and exploitation at all stages of migration. Mr. Kariyawasam also issued a press statement in that regard.[17] On 26 and 27 January, UN-Women held a multi-stakeholder meeting in New York, with the support of the European Union, on strategies for addressing women's rights in the global compact on migration. Ms. Landazuri de Mora and Mr. Ünver, of the Committee on Migrant Workers, and members of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, as well as representatives of governments and United Nations agencies, and civil society actors, participated in the meeting.

27. Ms. Dzumhur, Vice-Chair of the Committee, took part in an event in Seoul on 5 February 2017, organized by OHCHR and hosted by the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, to discuss the phenomenon of disappearances of migrants in transit and destination countries.

28. The Chair, together with a Chair of the Committee on the Rights of the Child, the Chair of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants and the Chair of the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention issued a statement on 8 March 2017 in the light of proposed European Union recommendations on return procedures.[18]

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[15] See www.gfmd.org/docs/bangladesh-2016.

[16] See www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=21026&LangID=E.

[17] See www.ipsnews.net/2017/01/protecting-the-rights-of-women-migrant-workers/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=protecting-the-rights-of-women-migrant-workers.

[18] See www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=21330&LangID=E.

29. Ms. Landazuri de Mora participated in a panel discussion on integrating a gender perspective in the global compact on migration, on 20 March 2017 at United Nations Headquarters. The event was organized by UN-Women during the sixty-first session of the Commission on the Status of Women.

30. During its twenty-sixth session, the Committee on Migrant Workers discussed possible initiatives to mainstream the Convention into the global compact on migration process. It adopted a statement jointly with the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities on addressing disabilities in large-scale movements of refugees and migrants,[19] and also endorsed the UN-Women recommendations for addressing women's human rights in the global compact on migration.[20]

31. Members of the Committee on Migrant Workers continued to promote the Convention and the human rights of migrant workers and members of their families by: (a) participating in conferences, meetings, workshops and side events of United Nations entities and other international organizations, including OHCHR, ILO, IOM, the Organization of American States and civil society organizations; (b) advising States parties on treaty implementation and the reporting process; (c) contributing to publications on the human rights of migrant workers and on other migration-related issues; and (d) participating in various forums with academics, students and other stakeholders.

32. In 2016 and 2017, several members of the Committee participated in capacity-building training programmes and expert meetings relating to the human rights of migrants, on behalf of the Committee. Mr. Ceriani Cernadas took part in capacity-building workshops on the Convention for civil society actors in Honduras, from 5 to 7 June 2016, and in Chile, on 4 October 2016. Both workshops were organized by OHCHR. Mr. Ceriani Cernadas also delivered workshops on the Convention at the twenty-ninth Inter-American Training for Migration Authorities, organized by IOM, both to government officials from the region involved in migration and for IOM staff on 8 and 9 March 2017 in Argentina. The following Committee members also reported on their activities at the twenty-fifth and twenty-sixth sessions: Salomé Castellanos Delgado, Fatoumata Abdourhamane Dicko, Abdelhamid El Jamri, Khedidja Ladjel and Marco Núñez-Melgar Maguiña.

33. The Committee sent letters to all signatory States requesting that they consider ratifying the Convention, as well as to States parties that had not yet made the declaration under article 77 of the Convention recognizing the competence of the Committee to consider individual communications. The Committee also followed up with States that had committed themselves, as part of the universal periodic review process, to considering ratifying the Convention.

34. OHCHR held two meetings of the Steering Committee of the Global Campaign for Ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Migrants, in November 2016 and April 2017, the latter meeting taking place during the twenty-sixth session of the Committee on Migrant Workers. The Steering Committee comprises representatives of intergovernmental agencies and of leading international human rights, church, labour, migrant and women's organizations. The discussions focused on ways and means to further promote ratification of the Convention.

H. Meeting with States parties

35. The Committee held a meeting with States parties during its twenty-fifth session, on 5 September 2016, with over 50 participants, including delegations from 31 permanent missions, representatives of United Nations agencies and civil society partners. The meeting focused on ratification of the Convention, promotional activities, reporting under the Convention, general comments, treaty-body strengthening and cooperation with partners. Several delegations expressed support for the Committee to be represented at the

[19] See www.ohchr.org/Documents/HRBodies/CMW/JointStatementCMW-CRPDFINAL.pdf.

[20] See www.unwomen.org/en/digital-library/publications/2017/3/addressing-womens-rights-in-global-compact-for-migration.

Global Forum on Migration and Development and in all other major intergovernmental initiatives on migration. Several delegations expressed concern about children on the move and children affected by migration and commended the initiative for a joint general comment with the Committee on the Rights of the Child on children in situations of international migration. The Committee on Migrant Workers also met during its twenty-sixth session with representatives of the Permanent Mission of Mexico to discuss the global compact on migration and the role of the Committee in this process.

I. Adoption of the report

36. On 13 April 2017, during its twenty-sixth session (359th meeting), the Committee adopted the present annual report to the General Assembly.

II. Methods of work

37. During its twenty-fifth session, the Committee, in line with its long-term programme of work, continued its cooperation with relevant United Nations agencies, offices, entities and other partners, including ILO, IOM and UN-Women, and the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and other treaty bodies, by — for example — strengthening the gender responsiveness of its outputs, and strengthening its focus on intersectional forms of discrimination relating to migrants, including migrants with disabilities.

38. During the twenty-fifth and twenty-sixth sessions, the Committee also discussed the need for concise and targeted concluding observations, as well as lists of issues and lists of issues prior to reporting, and established guidelines on word limits (4,500 to 6,000 words) for its concluding observations.

III. Cooperation with bodies concerned

39. The Committee continued its cooperation with United Nations specialized agencies, intergovernmental organizations, civil society organizations and national human rights institutions. While welcoming their contributions in relation to consideration of the reports of States parties, the Committee encouraged them to cooperate more actively with it by submitting country-specific information.

40. The Committee continued its close cooperation with ILO, which assists the Committee in a consultative capacity, in accordance with article 74 (5) of the Convention, as well as with IOM and UN-Women.

41. The Committee continued its cooperation with the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants. In addition to cooperating with the Special Rapporteur on a number of initiatives, including joint statements, the Committee was briefed by OHCHR on his past and upcoming activities, including his report to the General Assembly on the development of the global compact on migration, at its twenty-fifth session, and on other activities, at its twenty-sixth session.

42. Furthermore, the Committee discussed possible joint initiatives with other treaty bodies on issues concerning the rights of migrant workers. In that regard, during its twenty-fifth session, the Committee met with the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities to discuss ways to cooperate in the future and to strengthen the protection of migrants with disabilities in the outputs of both Committees. During its twenty-sixth session, it adopted a joint statement with the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities on addressing disabilities in large-scale movements of refugees and migrants with a view towards the global compact on migration process.[21] The Committee on Migrant Workers also continued its cooperation with the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention

[21] See www.ohchr.org/Documents/HRBodies/CMW/JointStatementCMW-CRPDFINAL.pdf.

and sent the Working Group a letter indicating its interest in contributing to the Working Group's revision of its deliberation No. 5 on situations regarding immigrants and asylum seekers.

43. The Committee met with the OHCHR migration team during both the twenty-fifth and twenty-sixth sessions and was briefed on the migration-related activities of OHCHR, which included the multi-stakeholder meetings on the protection of the human rights of migrants in large movements held on 1 June 2016 in Geneva and on 20 July 2016 in New York, the high-level plenary meeting on addressing large movements of refugees and migrants held on 19 September 2016 in New York, the report of the Secretary-General entitled "In safety and dignity: addressing large movements of refugees and migrants" (A/70/59), Security Council resolution 2240 (2015), the Global Forum on Migration and Development, the Global Migration Group and the global compact on migration.

44. The Committee continued to strengthen its cooperation with UN-Women and met with a representative of UN-Women to discuss the particular issues faced by women migrant workers and ways to strengthen the gender responsiveness of the Committee's recommendations relating to women migrant workers. The Committee and OHCHR co-sponsored and participated in several initiatives organized by UN-Women during the reporting period. During its twenty-sixth session, the Committee met with a representative of UN-Women to discuss the recommendations for addressing gender perspectives in the development of the global framework to respond to migration and in its subsequent implementation, which the Committee endorsed.[22]

45. During its twenty-fifth session, the Committee held a meeting with the Chief of the Protection Policy and Legal Advice Section of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) on the UNHCR strategy on detention to inform the outputs of the Committee, including the joint general comment on children in the context of international migration, particularly in regard to recommendations to alternatives to detention. The Committee also held a meeting with the Chief of the Human Rights Treaties Branch of OHCHR during its twenty-sixth session to discuss the review of the treaty body system pursuant to General Assembly resolution 68/268, the Faith for Rights initiative, ratification of the Convention and resource issues.

46. Ms. Dzumhur took part in a consultation between the treaty bodies and national human rights institutions, on 9 and 10 March 2017 in Geneva, which was organized by OHCHR, the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights and the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions. The meeting provided a forum for treaty bodies and national human rights institutions to exchange experiences and perspectives about engagement by national institutions with treaty bodies and to look at common approaches to engagement by the treaty bodies with national institutions. A summary discussion paper, with recommended guidelines for a common treaty body approach, will be presented at the annual meeting of the Chairs of the human rights treaty bodies in June 2017 for discussion and endorsement.

47. The Committee held a half-day meeting, during its twenty-sixth session, with senior representatives of IOM to discuss how the two entities could better cooperate with and support each other. This was the first such consultation and was welcomed by Committee members as a good practice that should happen regularly. It was facilitated by the Human Rights Treaties Branch of OHCHR and the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights. The Committee and IOM discussed working methods, information-sharing, ratification of the Convention, cooperation on general comments, research and knowledge-sharing, and the global compact on migration, among other issues.

[22] See www.unwomen.org/en/digital-library/publications/2017/3/addressing-womens-rights-in-global-compact-for-migration.

IV. Reports of States parties under article 73 of the Convention

48. The Committee notes that, as at 13 April 2017, initial and periodic reports due under article 73 of the Convention had not yet been received from as many as 15 States parties. Annex III contains a table showing the due dates of the reports of States parties.

V. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties in accordance with article 74 of the Convention

A. Adoption of lists of issues and lists of issues prior to reporting

49. At its twenty-fifth and twenty-sixth sessions, the Committee adopted one list of issues on the second periodic report of Algeria and five lists of issues prior to reporting in relation to States parties that had accepted to report under the simplified reporting procedure and those that had been notified, under rule 31 bis of the revised rules of procedure (see A/67/48 and Corr.1, para. 26).

State party	*Type of report (due since)*	*Symbol of list of issues and list of issues prior to reporting*
Algeria	Second periodic report (1 May 2012)	CMW/C/DZA/Q/2
Ecuador	Third periodic report (1 July 2015)	CMW/C/ECU/QPR/3
Egypt	Second periodic report (1 July 2009)	CMW/C/EGY/QPR/2
Madagascar	Initial report (1 September 2016)	CMW/C/MDG/QPR/1
Mexico	Third periodic report (1 April 2016)	CMW/C/MEX/QPR/3
Mozambique	Initial report (1 December 2014)	CMW/C/MOZ/QPR/1

B. Adoption of concluding observations

50. At its twenty-fifth session, the Committee considered the initial reports of Honduras, Nicaragua and Niger, as well as the second periodic report of Sri Lanka, in relation to the implementation of the Convention, and adopted concluding observations with respect to those States parties, in accordance with article 74 of the Convention.

51. At its twenty-sixth session, the Committee considered the initial reports of Bangladesh, Jamaica and Nigeria, with respect to the implementation of the Convention, and adopted concluding observations thereon, in accordance with article 74 of the Convention.

52. The concluding observations adopted by the Committee at its twenty-fifth and twenty-sixth sessions are available from the Committee's web page[23] and from the Official Document System of the United Nations (http://documents.un.org) under the symbols indicated below.

State party	*Symbol of concluding observations*
Bangladesh	CMW/C/BGD/CO/1
Honduras	CMW/C/HND/CO/1
Jamaica	CMW/C/JAM/CO/1

[23] See www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CMW/Pages/CMWIndex.aspx.

State party	*Symbol of concluding observations*
Nicaragua	CMW/C/NIC/CO/1
Niger	CMW/C/NER/CO/1
Nigeria	CMW/C/NGA/CO/1
Sri Lanka	CMW/C/LKA/CO/2

53. Comments and observations by States parties on the concluding observations are available from the Committee's web page[24] under the relevant session number.

54. All documents issued in connection with sessions of the Committee, including the twenty-fifth and twenty-sixth sessions, can be found on the web page of the Committee.[25]

[24] See www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CMW/Pages/CMWIndex.aspx.

[25] See http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/TreatyBodyExternal/SessionsList.aspx?Treaty=CMW.

Annex I

States that have signed, ratified or acceded to the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families as at 13 April 2017

State	*Signature or succession to signature*	*Ratification, accession or succession*
Albania	-	5 June 2007[a]
Algeria	-	21 April 2005[a]
Argentina	10 August 2004	23 February 2007
Armenia	26 September 2013	-
Azerbaijan	-	11 January 1999[a]
Bangladesh	7 October 1998	24 August 2011
Belize	-	14 November 2001[a]
Benin	15 September 2005	-
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	-	16 October 2000[a]
Bosnia and Herzegovina	-	13 December 1996[a]
Burkina Faso	16 November 2001	26 November 2003
Cabo Verde	-	16 September 1997[a]
Cambodia	27 September 2004	-
Cameroon	15 December 2009	-
Chad	26 September 2012	-
Chile	24 September 1993	21 March 2005
Colombia	-	24 May 1995[a]
Comoros	22 September 2000	-
Congo	29 September 2008	31 March 2017
Ecuador	-	5 February 2002[a]
Egypt	-	19 February 1993[a]
El Salvador	13 September 2002	14 March 2003[b]
Gabon	15 December 2004	-
Ghana	7 September 2000	7 September 2000
Guatemala	7 September 2000	14 March 2003[c]
Guinea	-	7 September 2000[a]
Guinea-Bissau	12 September 2000	-
Guyana	15 September 2005	7 July 2010
Haiti	5 December 2013	-
Honduras	-	9 August 2005[a]

State	*Signature or succession to signature*	*Ratification, accession or succession*
Indonesia	22 September 2004	31 May 2012
Jamaica	25 September 2008	25 September 2008
Kyrgyzstan	-	29 September 2003[a]
Lesotho	24 September 2004	16 September 2005
Liberia	22 September 2004	-
Libya	-	18 June 2004[a]
Madagascar	24 September 2014	13 May 2015
Mali	-	5 June 2003[a]
Mauritania	-	22 January 2007[a]
Mexico	22 May 1991	8 March 1999[d]
Montenegro	23 October 2006[c]	-
Morocco	15 August 1991	21 June 1993
Mozambique	15 March 2012	19 August 2013
Nicaragua	-	26 October 2005[a]
Niger	-	18 March 2009[a]
Nigeria	-	27 July 2009[a]
Palau	20 September 2011	-
Paraguay	13 September 2000	23 September 2008
Peru	22 September 2004	14 September 2005
Philippines	15 November 1993	5 July 1995
Rwanda	-	15 December 2008[a]
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	-	29 October 2010[a]
Sao Tome and Principe	6 September 2000	10 January 2017
Senegal	-	9 June 1999[a]
Serbia	11 November 2004	-
Seychelles	-	15 December 1994[a]
Sierra Leone	15 September 2000	-
Sri Lanka	-	11 March 1996[a]
Syrian Arab Republic	-	2 June 2005[a]
Tajikistan	7 September 2000	8 January 2002
Timor-Leste	-	30 January 2004[a]
Togo	15 November 2001	-
Turkey	13 January 1999	27 September 2004
Uganda	-	14 November 1995[a]

State	*Signature or succession to signature*	*Ratification, accession or succession*
Uruguay	-	15 February 2001[a, f]
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	4 October 2011	25 October 2016

[a] Accession.

[b] On 23 January 2015, El Salvador made a declaration recognizing the Committee's competence under articles 76 and 77 of the Convention to receive and consider inter-State and individual communications.

[c] On 11 September 2007, Guatemala made a declaration recognizing the Committee's competence under articles 76 and 77 of the Convention to receive and consider inter-State and individual communications.

[d] On 15 September 2008, Mexico made a declaration recognizing the Committee's competence under article 77 of the Convention to receive individual communications.

[e] Succession to signature.

[f] On 13 April 2012, Uruguay made a declaration recognizing the Committee's competence under article 77 of the Convention to receive individual communications.

Annex II

Membership of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families as at 13 April 2017

Name of member	*Country of nationality*	*Term expires on 31 December*
José **Brillantes**	Philippines	2017
Salomé **Castellanos Delgado**	Honduras	2017
Pablo **Ceriani Cernadas**	Argentina	2017
Fatoumata Abdourhamane **Dicko**	Mali	2017
Jasminka **Dzumhur**	Bosnia and Herzegovina	2019
Ahmed Hassan **El-Borai**	Egypt	2019
Abdelhamid **El Jamri**	Morocco	2019
Md. Shahidul **Haque**	Bangladesh	2017
Prasad **Kariyawasam**	Sri Lanka	2017
Khedidja **Ladjel**	Algeria	2019
María **Landazuri de Mora**	Ecuador	2019
Marco **Núñez-Melgar Maguiña**	Peru	2019
Ahmadou **Tall**	Senegal	2017
Can **Ünver**	Turkey	2019

Composition of the Bureau

Chair:	José **Brillantes**
Vice-Chairs:	Pablo **Ceriani Cernadas** Fatoumata Abdourhamane **Dicko** Jasminka **Dzumhur**
Rapporteur:	Abdelhamid **El Jamri**

Annex III

Submission of reports under article 73 of the Convention as at 13 April 2017

State party	*Type of report*	*Date due*	*Date report received/date of adoption of list of issues prior to reporting under the simplified reporting procedure*	*Session at which (will be) examined*
Albania	Initial	1 October 2008	6 October 2009	Thirteenth (2010)
	Second	1 November 2015[a]	19 December 2016	-
Algeria	Initial	1 August 2006	3 June 2008	Twelfth (2010)
	Second	1 May 2012	7 December 2015	-
Argentina	Initial	1 June 2008	2 February 2010	Fifteenth (2011)
	Second	1 October 2016	-	-
Azerbaijan[b]	Initial	1 July 2004	22 June 2007	Tenth (2009)
	Second	1 May 2011	26 October 2011	Eighteenth (2013)
	Third	1 May 2018	-	-
Bangladesh	Initial	1 December 2012	28 December 2015	Twenty-sixth (2017)
	Second	1 May 2022		
Belize	Initial	1 July 2004	List of issues prior to reporting adopted at the eighteenth session (2013)	Twenty-first (2014) in the absence of a report and of a delegation
	Combined initial to third	5 September 2016	-	-
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	Initial	1 July 2004	22 January 2007	Eighth (2008)
	Second	1 July 2009	18 October 2011	Eighteenth (2013)
	Third	1 July 2018		
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Initial	1 July 2004	2 August 2007	Tenth (2009)
	Second	1 May 2011	12 August 2011	Seventeenth (2012)
	Third	1 October 2017		
Burkina Faso	Initial	1 March 2005	6 November 2012	Nineteenth (2013)
	Second	13 September 2018	-	-
Cabo Verde	Initial	1 July 2004	List of issues prior to reporting adopted at the twentieth session (2014)	Twenty-third session (2015), in the absence of a report and of a delegation
	Combined initial to third	9 September 2016	-	-

State party	*Type of report*	*Date due*	*Date report received/date of adoption of list of issues prior to reporting under the simplified reporting procedure*	*Session at which (will be) examined*
Chile	Initial	1 July 2006	9 February 2010	Fifteenth (2011)
	Second	1 October 2016	-	-
Colombia	Initial	1 July 2004	25 January 2008	Tenth (2010)
	Second	1 May 2011	18 October 2011	Eighteenth (2013)
	Third	1 May 2018	-	-
Congo	Initial	1 July 2018	-	-
Ecuador[b]	Initial	1 July 2004	27 October 2006	Seventh (2007)
	Second	1 July 2009	23 November 2009	Thirteenth (2010)
	Third	1 July 2015	List of issues prior to reporting adopted at the twenty-fifth session (2016)	Twenty-seventh (2017)
Egypt	Initial	1 July 2004	6 April 2006	Sixth (2007)
	Second	1 July 2009	List of issues prior to reporting adopted at the twenty-sixth session (2017)	-
El Salvador	Initial	1 July 2004	19 February 2007	Ninth (2008)
	Second	1 December 2010	19 February 2014	Twentieth (2014)
	Third	1 May 2019	-	-
Ghana	Initial	1 July 2004	31 August 2014	Twenty-first (2014)
	Second	5 September 2019	-	-
Guatemala[b]	Initial	1 July 2004	8 March 2010	Fifteenth (2011)
	Second	1 October 2016	-	-
Guinea	Initial	1 July 2004	22 July 2015	Twenty-third (2015)
	Second	9 September 2020		
Guyana	Initial	1 November 2011	List of issues prior to reporting adopted at the twenty-fourth session (2016)	
Honduras	Initial	1 December 2006	28 April 2016	Twenty-fifth (2016)
	Second	1 October 2021	-	
Indonesia	Initial	1 September 2013	List of issues prior to reporting adopted at the twenty-fourth session (2016)	Twenty-seventh (2017)
Jamaica	Initial	1 January 2010	List of issues prior to reporting adopted at the twenty-third session (2015)	Twenty-sixth (2017), in the absence of a report

State party	*Type of report*	*Date due*	*Date report received date of adoption of list of issues prior to reporting under the simplified reporting procedure*	*Session at which (will be) examined*
	Combined initial and second	1 May 2019		
Kyrgyzstan	Initial	1 January 2005	10 June 2014	Twenty-second (2015)
	Second	24 April 2020	-	-
Lesotho	Initial	1 January 2007	1 December 2015	Twenty-fourth (2016)
	Second	1 May 2021	-	
Libya	Initial	1 October 2005	-	-
Madagascar	Initial	1 September 2016	List of issues prior to reporting adopted at the twenty-sixth session (2017)	
Mali	Initial	! October 2004	29 July 2005	Fourth (2006)
	Second	1 October 2009	1 October 2013	Twentieth (2014)
	Third	1 May 2019	-	-
Mauritania	Initial	1 May 2008	13 October 2015	Twenty-fourth (2016)
	Second	1 May 2021	-	
Mexico[b]	Initial	1 July 2004	14 November 2005	Fifth (2006)
	Second	1 July 2009	9 December 2009	Fourteenth (2011)
	Third	1 April 2016	List of issues prior to reporting adopted at the twenty-fifth session (2016)	Twenty-seventh (2017)
Morocco	Initial	1 July 2004	12 July 2012	Nineteenth (2013)
	Second	13 September 2018	-	-
Mozambique	Initial	1 December 2014	List of issues prior to reporting adopted at the twenty-sixth session (2017)	-
Nicaragua	Initial	1 February 2007	31 August 2016	Twenty-fifth (2016)
	Second	1 October 2021	-	
Niger	Initial	1 July 2010	25 July 2016	Twenty-fifth (2016)
	Second	1 October 2021	-	
Nigeria	Initial	1 November 2010	List of issues prior to reporting adopted at the twenty-third session (2015)	Twenty-sixth (2017) in the absence of a report and of a delegation
	Combined initial and second	1 May 2018		

State party	*Type of report*	*Date due*	*Date report received/date of adoption of list of issues prior to reporting under the simplified reporting procedure*	*Session at which (will be) examined*
Paraguay	Initial	1 January 2010	10 January 2011	Sixteenth (2012)
	Second	1 May 2017	-	-
Peru	Initial	1 January 2007	14 August 2013	Twenty-second (2015)
	Second	24 April 2020	-	-
Philippines	Initial	1 July 2004	7 March 2008	Tenth (2009)
	Second	1 May 2011	13 March 2014	Twentieth (2014)
	Third	1 May 2019	-	-
Rwanda	Initial	1 April 2010	21 October 2011	Seventeenth (2012)
	Second	1 October 2017	-	-
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Initial	1 February 2012	List of issues prior to reporting adopted at the twenty-fourth session (2016)	
Sao Tome and Principe	Initial	1 May 2018	-	
Senegal[a]	Initial	1 July 2004	1 December 2009	Thirteenth (2010)
	Second and third	1 November 2014	25 February 2016	Twenty-fourth (2016)
	Fourth	1 May 2021	-	
Seychelles	Initial	1 July 2004	21 August 2015	Twenty-third (2015)
	Second	9 September 2020	-	-
Sri Lanka	Initial	1 July 2004	23 April 2008	Eleventh (2009)
	Second	1 November 2011	3 May 2016	Twenty-fifth (2016)
	Third	1 October 2021	-	
Syrian Arab Republic	Initial	1 October 2006	21 December 2006	Eighth (2008)
	Second	1 October 2011	-	-
Tajikistan	Initial	1 July 2004	3 December 2010	Sixteenth (2012)
	Second	1 May 2017	-	-
Timor-Leste	Initial	1 May 2005	1 September 2015	Twenty-third (2015)
	Second	9 September 2020	-	-
Turkey	Initial	1 January 2006	8 April 2016	Twenty-fourth (2016)
	Second	1 May 2021	-	
Uganda	Initial	1 July 2004	31 March 2015	Twenty-second (2015)
	Second	24 April 2020	-	-

State party	*Type of report*	*Date due*	*Date report received date of adoption of list of issues prior to reporting under the simplified reporting procedure*	*Session at which (will be) examined*
Uruguay	Initial	1 July 2004	30 January 2013	Twentieth (2014)
	Second	1 May 2019	-	
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	Initial	1 February 2018	-	

[a] Extension requested until 1 February 2016.

[b] States parties that have accepted the simplified reporting procedure of the Committee by which the lists of issues prior to reporting adopted by the Committee and the written replies to the lists of issues prior to reporting shall be considered as the initial or periodic reports under article 73 (1) (b) of the Convention. The Committee may also adopt lists of issues prior to reporting in cases where it decides to review the implementation of the Convention in the absence of a report, under rule 31 bis of its rules of procedure.